



Patrick A. Thompson

June 19, 1940 - September 20, 2025

Livestream link for Patrick's service is: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1JAYmfekpg/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Patrick A. Thompson, 85, passed away in his Holland, MI home on September 20, 2025. Pat was born on June 19, 1940, to Edward and Helen Thompson and grew up in Norwood Park, Illinois. He was educated at Immaculate Conception Grammar School and Saint Patrick's High School. Growing up, Pat was a highly energetic, actively engaged young man. He excelled in the Boy Scouts and in swimming. A signal of Pat's future was the wide range of continuous jobs he took on from early childhood. He had a knack for convincing employers to trust him for roles and responsibilities for which he had little to no qualifications and often underage (eg. Railroad Switch Operator!) Young Pat literally devoured these opportunities, fascinated by how businesses operated.

For college, Pat attended Bellarmine College in Louisville, KY. While a student, he continued to take on a plethora of jobs often to the detriment of his studies. During his sophomore year he met Camille Camilletti who would become the love of his life. Pat and Camy married in 1960. Upon college graduation, Pat, Camy and their newborn son, moved to Chicago Illinois. Pat had previously done summer work at a unique metal stamping company named Drawn Metal Products. The company's owner offered a ground floor

opportunity that had broad responsibilities. Pat excelled in this company and became responsible for customer accounts. This entailed extensive travel. One of Pat's regular trips was to a customer located in Holland, Michigan. With no prior notice, Drawn Metal Product's owner informed Pat that he had sold the company to a larger firm. It was then (March 1968) that Pat made a decision that would become the adventure of his lifetime. He, Camy and then two small children moved to Holland, Michigan where Pat founded his own unique metal stamping company. Over the kitchen table, he and Camy coined the name Trans-Matic Mfg. Co.

Over the next five decades, Trans-Matic went from a surviving start up to a full-fledged enterprise with international operations. During this time Pat and Camy raised three children, P. J. Thompson (Kristen) of Holland, MI, Karen Groenhof (Phil) of Holland, MI and Matthew Thompson of Melbourne, FL. Pat developed a reputation as a successful entrepreneur, industrialist, and community leader. He served on numerous non-profit as well as private company boards. He assisted several start-ups and even some troubled companies with advice and at times needed capital. Pat had a passion for educating the trades and was the benefactor to the Patrick A. Thompson M-Tec Center in Holland. He was equally passionate for the support of the truly needy of our community and was a continuous source of anonymous financial support. Pat maintained a special bond with the employees (and many retirees) of Trans-Matic.

If you knew or even met Pat, you experienced the vigor of a true leader. He was generative in almost every aspect of his life. He was a voracious reader who keenly studied business, economics and world affairs. He enjoyed golf, dabbled with boating, and was a life-long football fan. For several of their later years, Pat and Camy enjoyed a winter home in Naples, FL. There they engaged with some of their most cherished friends made during years of involvement with the Precision Metalforming Association.

Pat was preceded in death by his wife Camy in 2019 after 58 years of marriage. He will be warmly remembered by his children, his sister Sheila Phillips (Creighton) of Bonita Springs, FL as well as his beloved nieces, nephews other extended family.

The Thompson family will host a visitation on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, from 4:00-7:00pm at Langeland Sterenberg Yntema, 315 East 16th Street, Holland, MI 49423. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, starting at 11:00am at Saint Francis De Sales Church, 171 W. 13th Street, Holland, MI 49423.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
315 E 16th St
Holland, MI 49423-4213

Funeral Mass

OCT **1**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church
171 W. 13th Street
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Patrick A. Thompson*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - September 29, 2025 at 01:33 PM

J&

“ *John &. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick A. Thompson.*

John &. - October 11, 2025 at 06:17 AM

DL

“ *Thank you for your service Pat. You will be dearly missed. RIP.*

David Lee - October 09, 2025 at 11:51 AM

TW

“ *Pat was more than the owner of a business, He made people feel like family. He would thru the plant talking to his employees, asking about their families, thanking them for helping make Trans-Matic a great place to work. He developed a culture where people worked together, helping each other and sharing ideas. It was important to him that when people were done with their career they have a good retirement. He was a good man to work for and he is a friend that will be missed.*

Thomas Weber - October 01, 2025 at 03:01 PM

JS

“ John Salvino planted a grove of 25 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick A. Thompson.

John Salvino - September 30, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.



September 30, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.



September 30, 2025 at 01:55 PM

YG

“ Your Friends at Contracted Quality Group purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.



Your Friends at Contracted Quality Group - September 30, 2025 at 01:22 PM

YG

“ Your Friends at Contracted Quality Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick A. Thompson.

Your Friends at Contracted Quality Group - September 30, 2025 at 01:22 PM

TM

“ Trans-Matic Mexico purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.



Trans-Matic Mexico - September 30, 2025 at 11:54 AM

BF

“ Bodycote Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.



Bodycote Family - September 30, 2025 at 09:55 AM

BF

“ Bodycote Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick A. Thompson.

Bodycote Family - September 30, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.*



September 29, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ *Kelsey DeVinney, Ellen Waugh, Kim Vann purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.*



Kelsey DeVinney, Ellen Waugh, Kim Vann - September 29, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.*



September 29, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ *John & Eileen Benaglio purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.*



John & Eileen Benaglio - September 29, 2025 at 02:49 PM

DD

“ I'll never forget Pat shutting down Trans-Matic on 9/11/01 so that his employees could process the tragic events in their own way. Another memory was Pat pushing cars out of the snowed in parking lot during a bad storm. While Pat was a successful business man, he was even better at caring for his employees. Pat left a great legacy for us to follow and he will be missed. I pray that PJ, Karen, and Matt find solace knowing that Pat is with Jesus and reunited with Camy.

Dan Dekker - September 29, 2025 at 01:27 PM

MM

“ Mike Ringo, Clayton Metals purchased the County Basket Blooms for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.



Mike Ringo, Clayton Metals - September 29, 2025 at 12:37 PM

MM

“ Mike Ringo, Clayton Metals planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick A. Thompson.

Mike Ringo, Clayton Metals - September 29, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.



September 29, 2025 at 09:40 AM

JS

“ Joe & Val Schmieder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick A. Thompson.

Joe & Val Schmieder - September 29, 2025 at 08:15 AM

JS

“ Joe & Val Schmieder purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.



Joe & Val Schmieder - September 29, 2025 at 08:15 AM

RC

“ I graduated from grade school with Pat. He & I shared a love for the Bears. A few years back a group of us grade school friends went to dinner together it was fun sharing memories. Pat is no in God's arms with Camy Sue. Rosemarie Maas courtney

Rosemarie Maas Courtney - September 26, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.



September 26, 2025 at 04:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patrick A. Thompson.

September 26, 2025 at 04:30 PM



“ You’ll be missed Patrick! I remember the “boards” we served on together, especially, HEDCOR. I also remember selling my Business (BLD Products) to Masco Industries, and then they approached you, but you were “smart enough” to say No! You were always a Friend at the Holland Country Club and WUSKOWHAN Players Club. Thanks for being a Friend. Rest in Peace.

Dave Dirkse. davedirkse@gmail.com

Dave Dirkse - September 26, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ My most sincere condolences to PJ, Karen & Matt. I have so many great memories of Pat and his leadership from my years working at Trans-matic. I always appreciated how he would take the time to talk with and actively listen to the employees. He always cared about the families as well. God Bless Pat and the whole family as you endure this time of grief. Warm regards, Steve Shannon

Steve Shannon - September 26, 2025 at 08:58 AM



“ McAlpin Industries purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.



McAlpin Industries - September 25, 2025 at 10:44 AM

MI

“ McAlpin Industries planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick A. Thompson.

McAlpin Industries - September 25, 2025 at 10:44 AM

JL

“ Jim and Gail Lozelle send our sincere condolences on the loss of Pat. There are so many fond memories of the many years of friendship shared with Pat and Camy. We had so many wonderful PMA years together with both Pat and Jim taking a turn at leading the organization. We were lucky to have continued our warm friendship for many years in Naples, FL.

Jim Lozelle - September 25, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.



September 25, 2025 at 03:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patrick A. Thompson.

September 25, 2025 at 03:11 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.*



September 24, 2025 at 01:48 PM



“ *A grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patrick A. Thompson.*

September 24, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ *A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patrick A. Thompson.*

September 24, 2025 at 01:13 PM



“ *Joan & Jim Zawacki purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.*



Joan & Jim Zawacki - September 24, 2025 at 01:01 PM

JZ

“ Joan & Jim Zawacki planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick A. Thompson.

Joan & Jim Zawacki - September 24, 2025 at 01:01 PM

WF

“ To Pat Thompson and the entire Trans-Matic family and friends, Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the passing of the remarkable Pat Thompson. May his spirit and legacy continue to shine through cherished memories and the stories that celebrate his life. Wiegel Family

Wiegel Family - September 24, 2025 at 10:47 AM

WF

“ Wiegel Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick A. Thompson.

Wiegel Family - September 24, 2025 at 10:46 AM

WF

“ Wiegel Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.



Wiegel Family - September 24, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.*



September 24, 2025 at 10:43 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.*



September 24, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ *PJ, Karen, and Matt we were saddened to hear of Uncle Pat's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Love, Mark and Jill Camilletti*

Jill Camilletti - September 24, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patrick A. Thompson.*

September 24, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.*



September 24, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ *Pat and Camy are cherished friends of our parents, Paul and Esther Fabiano.
Our family sends sincere condolences to the entire loving Thompson family.*

*Fabiano Family
Holland Peanut Store
Downtown Holland Michigan*

Paula Fabiano - September 23, 2025 at 08:55 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patrick A. Thompson.*

September 23, 2025 at 05:19 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.*



September 23, 2025 at 05:19 PM

UM

“ Ulbrich Stainless Steel & Special Metals planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick A. Thompson.

Ulbrich Stainless Steel & Special Metals - September 23, 2025 at 04:44 PM

UM

“ Ulbrich Stainless Steel & Special Metals purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Patrick A. Thompson.



Ulbrich Stainless Steel & Special Metals - September 23, 2025 at 04:44 PM

JH

“ I will miss Pat stopping by my office to share a good idea he spotted somewhere or to raise the urgency on a safety concern he read about. Always supportive, friendly, and firm. When I saw Pat on the plant floor, he always made it a point to show me he had his safety glasses and hearing protection on. At family picnics he made a point of talking to my wife and kids. A great guy who will be missed by many. Best wishes to PJ, Karen, Matt, and families.

Joe Hartings - September 23, 2025 at 03:04 PM

AM

“ PJ, so sorry for your loss. I remember your father fondly being a teenager at Clearbrook, such a great role model. Praying for the calming of Christ's peace and strength for you and your family.

Andrew Marsh - September 23, 2025 at 12:21 PM